

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – December 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council will be held on December 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI. The proposed agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. COUNCIL SITTING AS BEVERAGE LICENSING BOARD

a. Approval of the fall/winter hours with a six week closure after the Super Bowl and to reopen in the spring.

4. CONSENT AGENDA *All items marked with ** are to be considered consent agenda 5a, 5b, 15b,c,e,f,g*

5. **MINUTES AND REPORTS:

a. Minutes

Ad Hoc Withdrawal Update Committee: September 10

Economic Improvement Commission: September 25

Planning Commission: October 2, 15, November 6

Planning/EIC Subcommittee: August 19, September 11, 16

Wastewater Management September 10, October 8, 29

b. Reports

Building Official: October

Police Department: September and October

Public Works: October

Treasurer: Period ending September 30

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – for items not on the agenda

7. ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION REPORTS

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Vacancies: Building Commission-3

EIC-1

Mosquito Abatement-4

Parks and Recreation- up to 6 more per Charter (not less than 9, nor more than 13 and there are currently 7 on the commission. There is 1 application on file)

Senior Citizens – 2

Tax Assessment Review-1 Alternate

Zoning Board- 1 Alternate

b. Term Expirations:

Agricultural Preservation–4 in January

Budget Commission–1 in January

Building Commission–1 in January

Conservation Commission–2 in January

Parks and Recreation–3 in January

Senior Citizens Commission–5 in January

Tax Assessment Review–1 in January

Wastewater Management Commission–2 in January

Coastal Pond Management–3 in March

Zoning Board of Review–3 in July

Affordable Housing Commission–6 in September

EIC–1 in September

c. Chariho Budget Workshops – dates and times

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS-none

10. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Certificate of Achievement: Christopher T. Louzon, Eagle Scout
- b. Volunteer Recognition: Lillian Arnold and Virginia Wootten
- c. Congratulations to Holly Eaves on being appointed chair of the Chariho School Committee
- d. Impact Fee Ordinance: Authorization for the Town Solicitor to re-write a text change.

11. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- a. Letter from the Town of Hopkinton re: Chariho Budget Recommendations
- b. Letter from Barry Ricci, Superintendent of Schools asking for Omnibus meeting agenda items
- c. Request from the Parks and Recreation Commission asking that the Council seek a written release from the Army Corp of Engineers pertaining to Ninigret Park

12. LICENSES AND PERMITS

13. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

14. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- a. Resignation received 11-11-08 from Richard Hosp from the Budget Commission
- b. Resignation received 11-14-08 from Forrester C. Safford from the Conservation Commission
- c. Request from the Washington County Regional Planning Council for a council member to be appointed as a representative for a 2 year term
- d. Appointment of a representative to the Ocean Special Area Management Plan (Ocean SAMP)
- e. Appointment to Parks and Recreation, term to expires January 2011 with a letter from the Parks and Recreation Commission asking that the commission remain a 7 member body
- f. Appointment of Town Council Liaisons:
 - Affordable Housing Commission
 - Budget Commission
 - Building Commission
 - Conservation Commission
 - Cross Mills' Public Library
 - Economic Improvement Commission
 - Mosquito Abatement District Council
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Planning Commission
 - Senior Citizens Commission
 - Wastewater Management Commission
 - Zoning Board of Review
- g. Appointment of two Council representatives to the Tri Town Council subcommittee
- h. Request from Barry Ricci for appointments to the Chariho Act Revision Subcommittee and the Chariho Finance Committee
- i. Request from Virginia Wootten asking that the ad hoc Ninigret Park Contamination Study Committee be re-established. (Announce vacancy for appointments in January)
- j. Request from Virginia Wootten asking that the ad hoc Mud Cove Committee be re-established. (Announce vacancy for appointments in January)
- k. Resignation from Christopher Metcalf from the Chariho Building Committee. (Make the announcement that there is a vacancy)
- l. Re-establishment of the Charter Revision Committee (Announce vacancy for appointments in January)

15. FISCAL MATTERS

- a. Request from the Town of Richmond for half the cost of repairing the bridge that crosses the Pawcatuck River on Biscuit City Road
- **b. Request from the Town Planner for the release of the maintenance bond for the Northfield Subdivision with the approval of the Planning Commission and Director of Public Works

- **c. Award of bid for 2 police cruisers with a recommendation from Lt. McMahon and approved by Chief Sharkey: MHQ Municipal Vehicles for a total of \$43,980, funding to come from account 990-9901
- d. Request from the Charlestown Fire District requesting the abatement of taxes on Plat 12 Lot 13-1 and 13-2
- **e. Request from the Tax Assessor for abatements totaling \$54,429.61
- **f. Request from the Charlestown Fire District requesting the town waive the fees associated with the District's applications to the Planning Commission, Zoning Board and Building Official, including application fees and permit fees.
- **g. Award of bid for a Financial Advisor with a recommendation from the Town Treasurer: First Southwest with the fees as set out in the proposal.
- h. Request from the Parks and Recreation Commission for authorization for minor repairs and improvements not to exceed \$30,000 per facility to the Blue Shutters Beach and Charlestown Town Beach, with funding for the work to come from existing Open Space and Recreation Bond funds.

16. LEGAL MATTERS

- a. Council Agenda (as required by §15-14 of the Code of Ordinances) shall adopt a Council agenda to include but not be limited to the Order of Business contained in §15-14 of the Town Code. Each new Council shall adopt the order in which the Council business is conducted and if deemed appropriate, and additional subcategories of the Council business as it deems necessary to conduct the business of the Council.
- b. Approval of the agreement between the RI League of Cities and Towns and the Town and authorization for the Town Council President to sign the agreement regarding energy savings.
- c. Acceptance, approval and authorization for the President of the Town Council to sign the CPMA contract.
- d. Acceptance, approval and authorization for the President of the Town Council to sign the Town Solicitors agreements.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Sheep Barn renovation – Council comments to the RFP provisions
- b. Route 1A safety issues

18. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Schedule a Council meeting to appoint a Search Committee (after December 17)
- b. Schedule a Council meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and Ninigret Park Vendors
- c. Dual office holding and the Chariho School Committee
- d. Stop sign at Old Narragansett Trail/Kings Factory Road
- e. DOT Landscaping
- f. Policy of South Shore Mental Health and residents
- g. Status of the Kenyon Mill dump site
- h. Animal Shelter
- i. Request from the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval of the New Years bon fire event.

19. COUNCIL COMMENTS

20. ADJOURNMENT

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